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NORTH ADAMS, MASS., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 24, 1895.

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The Transcript.

By Telegraph

3 O'CLOCK.

MCCULLOCH DEAD.

The Ex-Secretary of Treasury Dies This Morning.

[Special Dispatch to The Transcript.]

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Ex-Secretary of Treasury Hugh McCulloch died this morning at 3:20 at his country home near this city. The cause of his death was the general breaking-down of his system due to extreme age, aggravated by lung trouble. Mr. McCulloch was in a comatose state when death came. His two sons, daughter and grandson were at his bedside.

A SHOCKING DISCOVERY.

The Missouri River Gives Up a Mystery.

[Special Dispatch to The Transcript.]

OMAHA, May 24.—The bodies of Mrs. Ida R. Nelson and her two children, who disappeared last December were found in the Missouri river near Council Bluffs last evening. The bodies were in a terrible state of decay and were found lashed together with ropes. Mrs. Nelson had been despondent and it is believed she jumped into the river with the children. Domestic troubles which resulted in separation from her husband had preyed upon her mind until she took this way of leaving the world.

OCEAN RECORD BROKEN.

The Lucania Lowers the Long Route Record.

[Special Dispatch to The Transcript.]

QUEENSTOWN, May 24.—The steamer Lucania from New York arrived here at 6:55 this morning. Her time, five days, eleven hours and forty minutes establishes the record for the long route. She now occupies with the Teutonic the honor of being queen of the seas.

SOCIETY MURDER.

Shocking Event in Chicago High Social Life.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Mrs. Ernest Anna, whose home was in the extreme fashionable part of Hyde Park, shot and killed her husband last night and then committed suicide. Jealously caused the tragedy. A fourteen-year-old daughter of the dead parents witnessed the shooting and tried desperately but in vain to prevent it. Society here is greatly shocked.

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

—John A. Andrew.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Besides the telegraphic service of the American Press Association, THE TRANSCRIPT receives regularly the general news of the United Press, giving the general news of the country and the world, and the special dispatches of the New England Associated Press, the oldest and best news gathering agency in New England, up to date.

TEN HOURS LATER

Than any other newspaper in Western Mass.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 24, 1895.

THE SCHOOL TROUBLE.

We would not say a word to increase or aggravate the present school trouble in this town. We regret that any such trouble should have arisen to mar the long-expected and well-earned enjoyments of the graduation season. We regret that a prominent teacher, after five years' service in our schools, should have the last reason for feeling unjustly treated. We regret that prominent and respected citizens of this town, whose faithful service as members of our school committee, some of them for extended periods, entitle them to the most candid judgment, should be at any disadvantage from an excited public sentiment. But all this has already happened and cannot now be undone. All that remains is the opportunity which the present extreme interest in our schools furnish to turn this otherwise unfortunate occasion to some good account, to the end that what has already happened may be less likely to happen again. It is with this spirit and purpose that the following comment is made.

We believe that the real cause and explanation of the present school disadvantage lies far back of the personalities of either Principal Spaulding or the members of the school committee, and connects itself with an essentially wrong relation between the present duties and function of the school committee and the schools.

Many arrangements which were at one time desirable and effective may become obstructive and ineffective when the situation under which they grew up has radically changed. Our present school committee functions originally under our former district school system. About them as a center that system was grouped. Each school was then distinct from all others, and the school committee as the uniting and organizing agency between them. It was then necessary for the school committee to hire teachers and provide in a minute way for the requirements of the schools.

But, with the advent of the graded school system, this central relation of the school committee passed away. The superintendent of schools became the center about which they radiated. He was the central executive officer. In his mind as a whole the schools lay. He had to direct and organize the whole force of teachers. He should have had the full selection of these and been himself entirely responsible for the efficiency of their teaching and the general welfare of the schools.

We have long thought the reason the present system did not break down sooner was because during most of his service the late Superintendent Miner was practically a fourth member of the school committee. This committee was composed of three members who were long continued in office, and between whom and Mr. Miner existed the most intimate and trusted relations. When this situation changed, as it did before Mr. Miner's service ended, the essential faultiness of the school committee's functions began to appear. It has continued to appear more and more clearly from this time and the winter is that any superintendent who could not select and hire the teachers could have done as well as has been done in recent years.

What we need at the head of our school is the most competent person for that position that a good salary and full powers and responsibility can secure. A salary of \$2,500, or \$3,000, or even more, if the person selected has the extreme and unusual qualifications, would be a wise and economical outlay in connection with total expenditure so large as our annual school appropriation. This superintendent would have to be given the selection and discipline of teachers, because no one of prominence, reputation and capacity, adequate to our full school need could be got to take the position at any salary if, while his reputation was at stake and he was responsible for the quality of the instruction, he could not control and determine the teaching force through which that instruction is given.

This change of situation would be as much for the advantage of the school committee as for that of the schools. It would take this office very much out of politics and raise its grade as an honorable town distinction and reward. We do not mean to suggest that the school committee's appointment of teachers is determined by a regard for votes. But it is not pleasant to be removed from public office by a defeat at the polls, and our school committee ought not to be exposed to any such hazard when, in the conscientious discharge of their duty, they fail to appoint teachers who have powerful political friends. This situation is belittling to the natural and proper dignity of the office, and its honor will be greater with this liability removed.

There will remain to the school committee ample opportunity for effort and valued public service in the management and development of our school investment, the control of its finances, and such supervision of the superintendent as will not hamper his usefulness but will enforce his accountability.

It only remains to add that, if the above arrangement were now existing, our present trouble would not have occurred, since the school committee would have no call to figure on standing, and could not remove a teacher.

The following concerning Judge Lawrence of this town is from the Boston Daily Advertiser of Wednesday last. It

is in connection with his proposed appointment as one of the senate committee of three to investigate the City Hall situation in Boston:

Just now the feeling is that Mr. Lawrence will be selected. He comes from a moderate part of the state. North Adams, and while this is his first term in the legislature, he has made an excellent impression as a lawyer, man of affairs and breeding officer. It is said that while in the chair in the senate he has won golden opinions from his associates and demonstrated a firmness and tact which might be very advantageous in administering such an inquiry. He is sure to come back to the senate, which is important in connection with the position of chairman of the investigating committee.

Attorney-General Knowlton has rendered to Governor Greenhalge a written opinion of some length which will be of interest to owners of domestic animals. It is upon what is known as the "tuberculosis" bill, and its important statement follows:

I am constrained to advise your excellency that the provisions of the bill in question will provide that owners of cattle shall be paid full value thereof for food and milk purposes without taking into consideration the fact that the animal or carcass is at the time of taking infected with tuberculosis as unconstitutional.

The growing importance and weight of the South in national affairs, makes increasingly pleasant and promising any indication of growing sanity in that somewhat sectional mind. Such a manifest indication was the meeting at Memphis, Tenn., Thursday, of some 300 representative southern men to formulate their protest against the free coinage of silver and their support of the present monetary situation. Secretary Carlisle made the principal address.

We have no privilege of advising the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, but it would have been a friendly office to have dissuaded them from the boycott they instituted by recommendation Thursday at their session in Pittsburgh, Pa., against the students of Union Theological seminary, where the Briggs "heresy" most prominently obtains. It is hard, neighbors, as well as futile, to kick against the pricks.

Now that the Supreme Court has killed the income tax, it is being urged that an amendment to the national constitution should be passed to restore to the government possible sources of revenue removed by that decision. It is questioned whether our present internal revenue is not affected by the decision, since whisky and tobacco are certainly personal property.

The increasing prominence of the bicycle has brought that conveyance to where its status must be determined as to whether it is a vehicle or an article of furniture. The issue arises over the opposition of the landlords in the cities to having their tenants take their bicycles into the offices or apartments which they occupy and pay rent for.

While the income tax decision lessens the government income, it greatly increases that of Lawyer Choate. It is reported on what is regarded as reliable authority that his retainer in the case was \$100,000, with the understanding that if the decision of the court was favorable to the opponents of the tax he was to get \$100,000 additional.

Wheat at eight cents is calculated to make western farmers want a dollar that has more than fifty cents in it.

A FACTORY'S IMPROVEMENTS.

The Sampson Company Enlarging Its Plant and Introducing a New System.

Quite extensive improvements are in progress at the Sampson shoe factory. The state inspector of factories and public buildings has for some time thought it necessary to have another stairway leading to the upper stories, and this is now to be provided. A brick tower is to be erected on the front of the factory, and in this tower will be a spiral stairway extending as far as the upper floor. This will not only lend additional safety in case of fire, but will afford a convenient means of ingress and egress to many of the employees. Work has been begun and will be pushed to completion at an early date.

To decrease the fire risk the company is to build a storehouse on the rear part of the lot for the storage of raw materials and the manufactured product. This building will be of brick, 120 by forty feet and one story high, with cellar. Work on this building will begin next week.

But improvements to its plant are not the only ones to be made by the Sampson company. For a long time the shoes manufactured by this concern, as well as by the other North Adams shoe manufacturers, have had an excellent reputation as honest, solid and reliable goods, but, as a rule, nothing that could be called a very nice shoe has been produced in this town. And the Sampson company is not going into the manufacture of fancy shoes, but will greatly improve the quality of its product by introducing the Goodyear welt system, being the first company in North Adams to do this. By this system what is known to the trade as a "hand-sewed shoe" is produced and the superior quality of this shoe is admitted everywhere.

Mr. Chase, the president of the company, has been contemplating this innovation for some time and the change will soon be brought into effect. Mr. Chase says the tendency in all quarters is toward a higher grade of foot wear and he feels that the proper thing to do is to fall into line and keep up with the procession.

HEAVY STONES FLY.

School Said to be in Danger from Reckless Blasting.

Jacob Moran of Witz street came to the police station Tuesday evening somewhat disturbed in mind and a little physically exhausted by a basket of stones of considerable weight he had carried quite a distance. One of the pieces of stone weighed nine and one-half pounds and it was fresh from Witz's ledge, so Mr. Moran said.

Mr. Moran explained the tone had come without his assistance part of the way from the ledge. It had come suddenly and therein lay the objections he made.

He claimed that his wife and children were in the yard at their home when a blast was made at the quarry and pieces of stone came flying in his premises.

He states the large piece of stone fell within two feet of his wife and that his children narrowly escaped being hit by smaller pieces.

His family are not the only persons endangered by such blasting at the quarry, he says, and he vows the stones

will be laid in the yard of the State street school,

and he expects a bad accident to happen

some day as the result.

The police, of course, could do nothing about Mr. Moran's grievances, and he consulted Lawyer Bee with the result that if such reckless blasting is not stopped

immediate steps will be taken to end it.

The repairs on the Methodist church

are to be very thorough. The roof is be-

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected May 19, 1895.

Trains Leave North Adams, Going East—11:37, 12:18, 7:23, 9:33, 11:38 a.m.; 1:42, 4:36, 5:45, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m. Going West—7:00, 10:08 a.m.; 12:15, 1:31, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m. Trains Arrive from East—10:08 a.m.; 12:05, 1:31, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m. From West—11:37, 12:18, 7:23, 9:33, 11:38 a.m.; 1:42, 4:36, 5:45, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m.

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ADAMS.

Local horsemen are considering the

plan of holding a three-year-old sweep-

stakes race to take place at North Adams

as soon as the matter can be arranged.

Landlord Morse and Earl Fessenden

have gone to Bridgeport where Mr. Morse

will take charge of a hotel. Michael

Tracey is to manage the Greylock house

for a time.

Patrick Doyle of Mill River is the guest

of his son, Keyron Doyle.

The report of a new print works in

town has become a certainty in the

minds of most people. The purchase of

property, all in one section, the surveying

of certain plots, bits of wisdom dropped

by men on the inside of the fence, and

many other things combine to make

townspeople believe with good grounds,

in what seemed to be at first an idle

rumor. One man said he could "tell at

least one thing, that it's the biggest thing

the town ever had."

Another is sure that the town will rival the

Berkshire cities in matter of population, two years

hence. Everybody is happy over the

prospects, and many faces have brightened

at what, it is said, "will burst in a

week."

Willie Carlow, a small boy, was catch-

ing behind the bat Wednesday afternoon,

when Patsey Needam, the batsman, hap-

pened to hit him with the club. Willie's

head was sewed by Dr. Boom.

William Jenks has purchased a new

Concord buggy of Vardner, North Adams.

A florist's horse became frightened by

an electric car Thursday afternoon and

made a sudden lurch, causing the front

wheel of the rickety wagon to collapse.

The Williamstown Cornet band will furnish

the music at the Memorial day exercises

to be held here, and Dr. Brown of

North Adams will be the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jewell of St. Louis,

Mo., who have been visiting Hugh Fife,

Mo., and family left town yesterday for Albany,

N. Y.

Robert Schouler, William Howells and

Charles Howland of this place are regular

players on the C. L. L. ball team of Fort

Plain, N. Y., and all are doing good work

as the scores show—not only at base ball

but in their studies.

The summer term of the school will

close June 14. Graduating exercises will

be held this year at which the class will

deliver essays. The graduates expect to

enter the sophomore class at Drury in the

fall. There is to be many changes in our

corps of teachers for fall term.

The need of an electric road between this

town and North Adams was never

more plainly illustrated than on the train

that left North Adams at 12:20 yesterday.

There was one coach to accommodate

about 100 passengers, a large number of

whom were women and children. We

hope the people of Blackinton will not

forget the "kindness" of the Fitchburg,

when the electric road is built, which is

expected to be in August, so Mr. Rich-

mond, its president, says.

Charles Conroy has had his house on

Murray street painted.

Mrs. William Burke and family have re-

moved their furniture to Peapack, R. I.,

and will leave for there Monday, with her

daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Conway.

William Jones, formerly of this town,

is the guest of Roland G. Mattson.

Joseph Fifield is rapidly recovering

from his illness, and was at his place of

business yesterday.

M. Frances Buggy was in Albany yes-

terday.

Another house has been sold to George

F. Sayles through J. B. Richmond's real

estate agency, this time the Lyman Craw-

ford place on Commercial street.

Henry L. Harrington, popular young

lawyer of the firm of Shaw & Harrington,

and Miss Rebekah Bowen, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Bowen, will be united in

marriage June 5.

W. C. Brooks has reopened his store on

